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## REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT

I hereby certify that this correspondence and any documents referred to as enclosed  
therewith are being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and  
Trademark Office on (703) 308-6916 on January 5, 2004.

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January 5, 2004  
Date of Signature

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Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Abandonment dated November 3, 2003, Applicants  
hereby request reinstatement of the above-identified application. In support thereof,  
Applicants state as follows:

1. The last Office Action was dated January 13, 2003. Applicants timely  
responded to Office Action by mailing an Amendment, a Petition And Fee For Extension

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Of Time Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(A), and a Change in Correspondence Address, together with return post cards, to the Commissioner for Patents by first class mail on July 14, 2003 (July 13, 2003, being a Sunday).

2. Applicant has not yet received a stamped post card receipt from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office acknowledging receipt of the correspondence mailed on July 14, 2003.

3. A copy of the Amendment, Petition And Fee For Extension Of Time Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(A), and Change in Correspondence Address, all of which bear a Certificate of Mailing in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.8, is attached hereto.

4. This Request for Reinstatement is being made promptly, as it is made within two (2) months of the date of the Notice of Abandonment (the two (2) month period having expired on a Saturday and this Request is being made on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday or Sunday).

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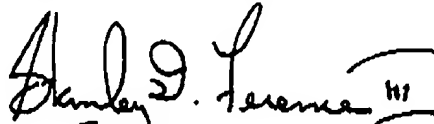
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WHEREFORE, Applicants respectfully submit the Notice of Abandonment was  
issued in error and the above-identified application should be reinstated.

Respectfully submitted,

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